

WELLESLEY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 22, 2016; 7:00 PM
GREAT HALL, WELLESLEY TOWN HALL

Members Present: Robert Skolnick, Ingrid Carls, Sheila Dinsmoor and Helen Robertson
Staff: Heather Lamplough
Onur Ozkoc, owner of Cocobeet
Also Present: Lilian Teixeira, owner of Glamour Tan
Jose Mariano, Edward Parey and Timothy Greene for AT&T
James Treacy, Gulf Oil

Mr. Skolnick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

DRB 16-08S: Gulf Oil

James Treacy presented the proposed standing sign to the Board. Miss Lamplough explained to the Board that the Board has already reviewed and approved the wall sign, and they wanted to wait to see if the wall sign was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals before reviewing the proposed standing sign. Mr. Treacy explained how they came up with the size and design of the sign. Mr. Treacy reminded the Board that the letters on the wall sign are stainless steel with a white background, so they wanted this sign to be consistent with that.

After a brief discussion Mr. Skolnick moved to recommend approval of the sign as presented. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

DRB 16-31S: Cocobeet

Onur Ozkoc, owner of Cocobeet presented the proposed project to the Board. Miss Lamplough briefly introduced the proposed signs and awning, and explained that staff and the applicant have gone thru several iterations of the signs to get them to comply with the zoning bylaw. Miss Lamplough explained that the proposed awning matches the existing awnings on the building. Mr. Skolnick suggested that the applicant consider reducing the size of the logo sign on the door, so that he may include hours of operation on the door as well.

After a brief discussion Ms. Dinsmoor moved to recommend approval of the signs and awning as presented. Mr. Skolnick seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

DRB 16-34M: Cingular Wireless/AT&T

Edward Parey, Timothy Greene and Jose Mariano presented the proposed project to the Board. Mr. Parey explained that Wellesley College has asked that all of the existing antennas are removed from the water tank located on campus. He explained that AT&T has an existing equipment shelter adjacent to the water tank and that they plan to use that existing shelter and the equipment within it, and to locate the new monopole next to the shelter. He stated that they are using a metallic gray color that tends to blend in best with the sky on most days. Miss Lamplough explained that the monopole will require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals, as it exceeds the maximum height allowed by-right. Mr. Parey explained that they are the last company to remove their antenna from the water tank. Mr. Parey stated that they did a crane and balloon test to illustrate where the monopole will be visible above the tree line. Miss Lamplough pointed out that there is only one location where the pole will be slightly visible from a public way (Wellesley Square), and that all of the other locations where it is visible is within campus.

After a brief discussion Mr. Skolnick moved to recommend approval of the sign as presented. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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DRB 16-35S: Glamour Tan

Lilian Teixeira, owner of Glamour Tan presented the proposed awning sign to the Board. Miss Lamplough presented a brief introduction of the proposed signage to the Board. She explained that the applicant is requesting a new valance on an existing awning sign. Miss Lamplough explained that since the existing awning sign was approved, the bylaw has changed, and that the proposed awning sign is slightly over the 25% ratio. She explained however that existing non-conforming signs with a removable panel can continue to be nonconforming if you change the removable panel. Mr. Skolnick asked if she will be changing the wall sign on the street side of the building as well. Miss Lamplough explained that that wall sign is not permitted, and that almost all of the signs on that wall are there illegally. Miss Lamplough explained that if she were to come back for that wall sign at a future date it will raise the issues of all of the other existing signs on that wall that are not permitted. Mr. Skolnick and Ms. Robertson stated that they believe that this awning sign is better looking than the existing sign, and that it is a nice improvement.

After a brief discussion Mr. Skolnick moved to recommend approval of the sign as presented. Ms. Carls seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Minutes

Mr. Skolnick moved to approve the minutes for the Design Review Board meeting on June 8, 2016. Ms. Carls seconded. The motion passed (3-0).

Mr. Skolnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:27 pm.

Note: A recording of this meeting is available in the Planning Department.

Minutes Approved: 09/14/2016

Respectfully submitted by:
Heather Lamplough
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